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(Attorney Docket No. 01-189-A)**

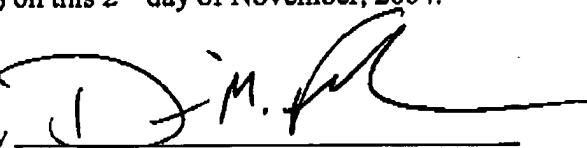
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Benson et al.)	Before the Examiner
)	Basichas, Alfred
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)	Group Art Unit: 3749
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)	
FOR HEATING A FURNACE)	

Examiner Alfred Basichas
Art Unit 3749
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached: Response To Office Action Mailed October 4, 2004 and copy of application transmittal letter.
2. NO FEE IS REQUIRED.
3. CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being facsimile transmitted to Examiner Alfred Basichas, Art Unit 3749, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 (fax no. 703-872-9306) on this 2nd day of November, 2004.

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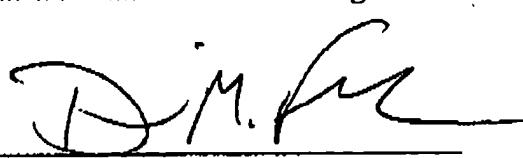
Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully points out that the originally filed Transmittal Letter requested that claims 1-6 be cancelled. Please see the attached copy of the Transmittal Letter. Accordingly, the restriction requirement is moot. However, for the sake of expediting the prosecution, Applicants elect claims 7-15 for examination.

If further information is needed, please call Applicants' attorney directly at 312/913-2143.

Respectfully submitted,

McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP

Dated: 11/2/04

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmittal Form with Fee</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification (including claims and abstract) [Total Pages 21]</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawings [Total Sheets 4]</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy from prior application [Note Boxes 5 and 18 below]</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Deletion of Inventor(s)</u> signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Code Listing (See 1.96)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Microfiche Appendix</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-Rom (in duplicate, with separate transmittal)</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Copy</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Copy</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying above copies</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is claimed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Statement filed in prior application; status still proper and desired</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed.</p>		
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<p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a CONTINUING APPLICATION. Please note the following:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divisional <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation-in-part of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/907,793</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cancel in this application original claims 1-6 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one claim must remain.)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a <input type="checkbox"/> continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> divisional <input type="checkbox"/> continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/907,793.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> The prior application is assigned of record to</p>		

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APPLICATION FEES

BASIC FEE				\$ 750.00
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Total Claims	9 -20 =	2	x \$18.00	\$ 0
Independent Claims	5 - 3 =	2	x \$84.00	\$ 168.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims(s) if applicable			+\$280.00	\$
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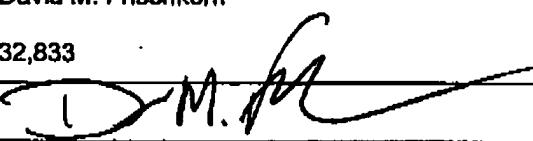
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